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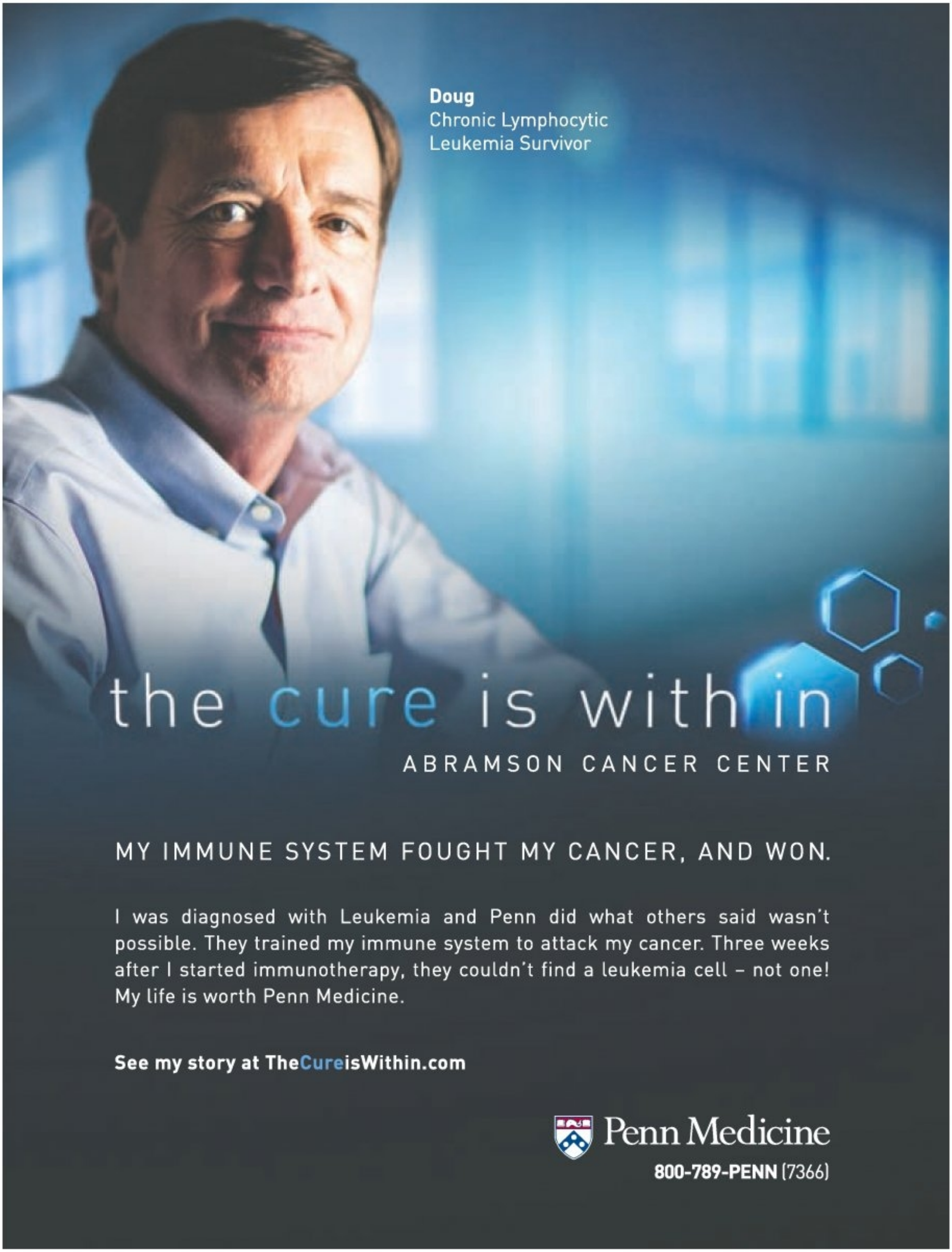
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SEPTA union votes to strike — but not now

Transportation. The largest group of unionized SEPTA workers on Sunday voted to strike, but officials said it won't be right away. SEPTA officials did not further comment after the Transport Workers Union Local 234 meeting. TWU will release more information later this afternoon. PAGE 02

THEATER.

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Broadway smash hit "Newsies" makes its first tour stop in Philadelphia on Tuesday at the Academy of Music. / DEEN VAN MEER

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TWU Local 234 workers voted for strike Sunday

SEPTA. Union officials said the strike will not commence immediately, if it does at all.

The union representing the largest group of SEPTA workers voted Sunday to strike, but the work stoppage will not commence immediately.

In a statement released Sunday evening, the Transport Workers Union Local 234 announced that at least 1,500 workers voted at a special strike authorization meeting Sunday afternoon. "Members voted unanimously to authorize union leadership to call a strike at SEPTA if necessary," according to the statement.

Union officials will hold a press conference at 4 this afternoon concerning their future plans.

By the numbers

4,700

TWU represents bus drivers, maintenance workers and subway and trolley operators.

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The union members have been working under an expired contract since March, for seven months.

The union represents bus, train and trolley operators, as well as mechanics and cashiers.

SEPTA officials stuck to their original statement, which read: "The parties continue to meet in negotiations to reach an agreement. ... We have been given no indication that a work stoppage is imminent. A Service Interruption Plan will be release if and when the situation changes."

Union officials point at two main sticking points in negotiations: health-care premiums and pension compensation. Union workers are refusing to pay 10 percent of their health-care premiums while management pays 5 percent, and workers don't want their pension capped at $2,500 a month while management has no cap.

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1 NEWS

Local tweet

"the Eagles were supposed to make my night better, not piss me off even more."

It's gonna be a long week, @kdoucher.

Top 3

What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'New study says smart people listen to Bob Dylan'

2 'VIDEO: Porcupine tastes pumpkin for first time'

3 'Britain's Queen Elizabeth sends her first tweet'

Getting ready for Halloween with a haunted hunt

Clockwise from left: Olivia Schafroth-Doty, 9, Gus Giardina-Taylor, 7, Ellie Scot-Straight, 6, and Sonja Bekken, 7, play at the Woodlands Cemetery in West Philadelphia during a family fun day Sunday to celebrate Halloween with a scavenger hunt through the cemetery. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Atlantic City

Woman throws child into ocean: Report

A woman allegedly threw a child into the ocean on Sunday afternoon in Atlantic City, reports NJ.com.

Scanner reports say the woman, who has not been identified, threw the child — whose age is not known — into the inlet at Pacific Avenue while people were walking by.

A fisherman nearby allegedly rescued the child, who has been transported to a hospital.

No other details regarding the incident were released as of press time.

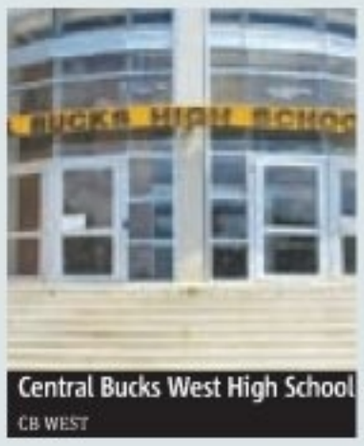
The website reported that members of the Coast Guard were involved in the response. METRO

Doylestown

CB West suspends coaches

Central Bucks High School West's varsity and junior-varsity football coaches were suspended over the weekend after allegations surfaced last week of player-hazing.

The school, with a reputation as a perennial football powerhouse, canceled the remainder of the football season, which included its homecoming game against rival Central Bucks East, on Oct. 23.



Central Bucks West High School
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The hazing of younger players included a type of "waterboarding" in the team showers and forced groping of older players. METRO

South Philly. Possible abduction witnessed

A possible abduction took place near Front and Oregon early Sunday, and police are investigating.

Shortly after 4 a.m., two Sunoco A-Plus workers told police they saw a woman being chased, grabbed and put into a car parked at Aldi, reports say.

The woman is described as white, about 18, with dark brown hair in a white dress and boots. The man is described as white, in his 30s, wearing a yellow shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information should call 215-686-3013. METRO

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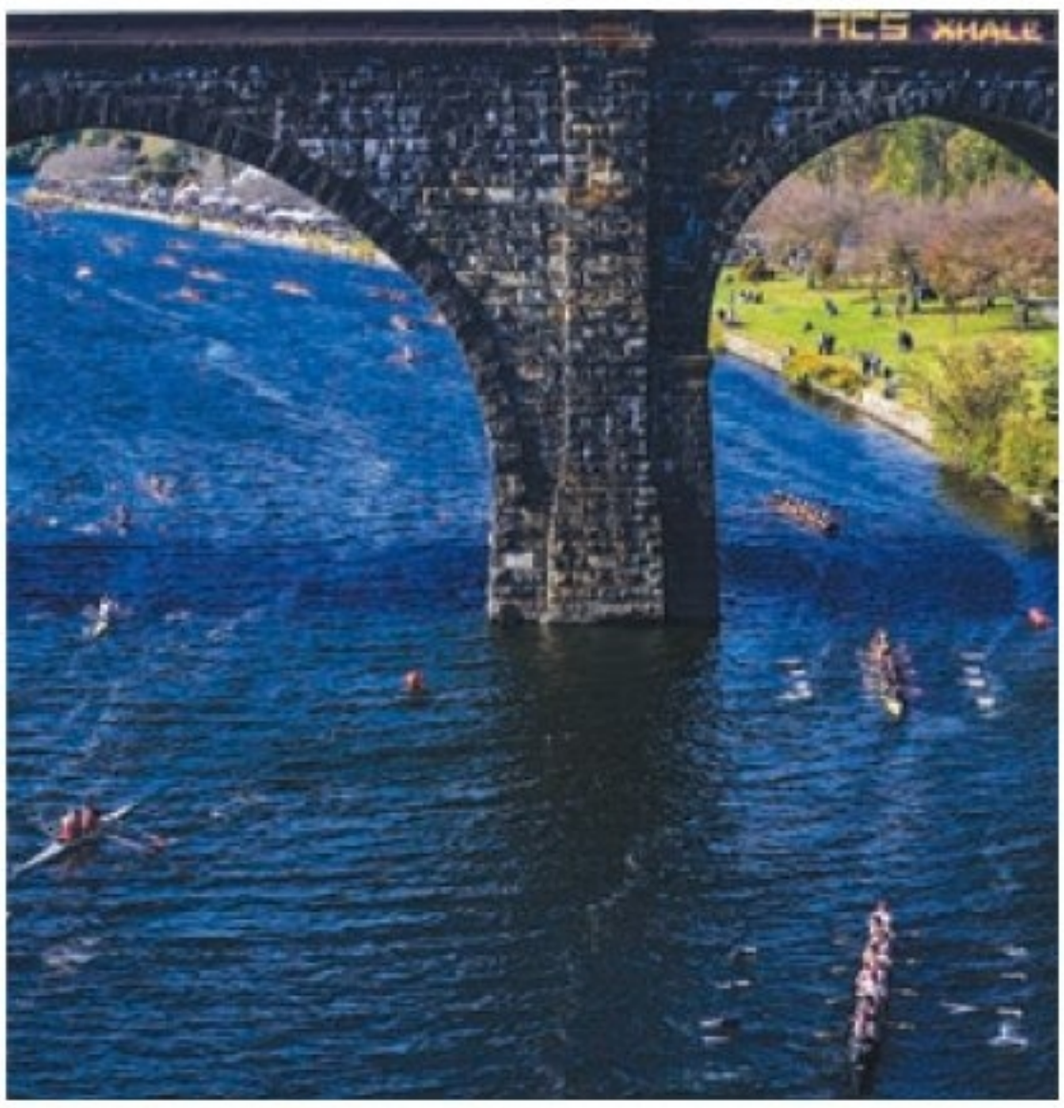

The Schuylkill regatta hits the waters

Hundreds of competitors took to the water Sunday afternoon to row in the last day of the 44th annual Head of the Schuylkill Regatta. Nearly 7,000 rowers were signed up for the event.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Norristown. Man kills victim he met online, binds him, slits throat

A 28-year-old Lycoming County man was arraigned over the weekend on first-degree murder charges in the September death of a Norristown man who he allegedly tied up and killed by slitting his throat, the Associated Press reports.

Chad Marshall Wilcox, of Williamsport, met Manuel Hakimian, 36, through a Craigslist ad, police said, that solicited for sex. Wilcox told detectives that Hakimian picked him up on Sept. 20 and drove to Hakimian's home.

Hakimian's body was discovered the next day at his apartment by family members who were concerned after he did not show up for a family event, the AP reports. Police said his car, computer, cellphone and wallet were missing.

The AP reports that Wilcox got a clothesline from Hakimian's basement and tied the victim to his own bed by his wrists and ankles. Then, Wilcox allegedly went outside to smoke a cigarette.

Montgomery County Deputy District Attorney Thomas W. McGoldrick said the murder was "very vicious."

Wilcox used stolen bank and credit cards in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Tenneessee, according to police.

He was arrested in North Carolina and returned to Lycoming on a bench warrant, the AP reports, after he failed to show up for his trial on child rape charges.

Reports say police in Kentucky saw Hakimian's stolen car on Sept. 24. They chased it, but the driver fled on foot after crashing the car. They found a bloody knife inside.

Wilcox is being held without bail. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 7. METRO

Details of the crime

Wilcox claimed he plotted with three other men to rob the victim.

- Detectives said there is no evidence that supports there was anyone else involved.
- Wilcox told police other men killed Hakimian.
- "Meeting strangers online is terribly dangerous — not just for kids, but adults too," McGoldrick said to the AP.

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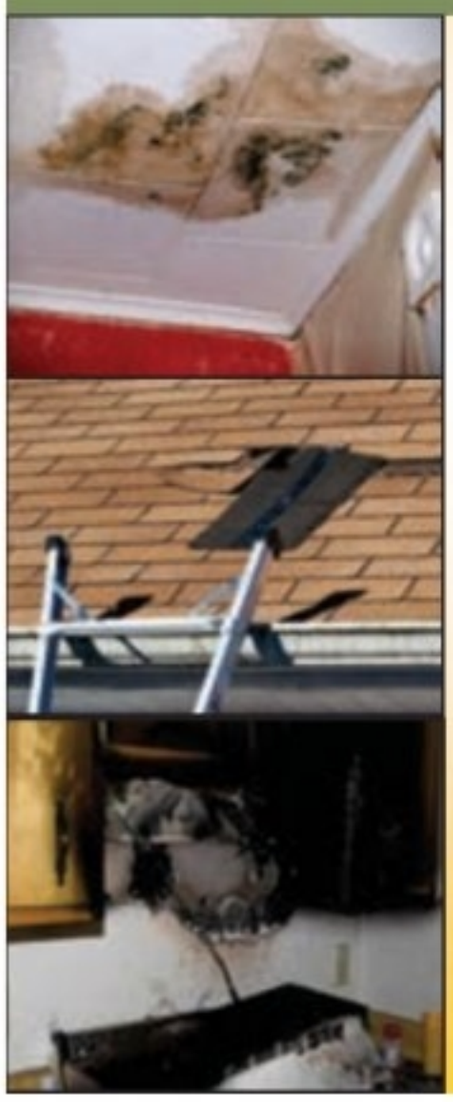

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Philly. UberX vehicles impounded by PPA in undercover sting

The Philadelphia Parking Authority impounded five UberX vehicles in an undercover sting on Saturday after it warned the car service that it wasn't allowed to operate in the city.

According to Philadelphia Magazine, the UberX service, which is a cheaper version of the popular Uber car service, was not sanctioned in the city. Nonetheless, it offered a weekend of free rides to attract attention, and was subsequently punished by the PPA.

The PPA, which regulates cabs and limousines in the city, repeatedly insisted the service was operating illegally in the city. Officials warned that if the UberX held its free-ride weekend, drivers' cars would be impounded.

In a statement to the magazine, UberX said: "This is an abuse of power and a deliberate attempt to protect the status quo that has failed Philadelphians for too long."

To reclaim their cars, UberX drivers will have to pay the PPA a fine of $1,000 plus towing costs, or they can request a hearing, which could happen as early as Monday, according to the magazine. **TOMMY ROWAN**

What is UberX?

Uber is an on-demand car service, which is sanctioned in the city.

- UberX is a lower-cost option in which the car service does not provide the drivers with cars — they provide their own — but still use their screening process.

Getting artsy at this year's Studio Tours

Artist Linda Dubin Garfield helps Matt Voshell make a unique souvenir print during a visit to Garfield's show at Crane Arts in North Philadelphia as part of Sunday's 15th annual Open Studio Tours, where hundreds of artists around the city open their studios and galleries to the public.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Philadelphia

City workers steered toward tobacco-free

Just under 6,000 city workers and a few hundred retirees who do not belong to a union will pay extra for their prescriptions filled at a pharmacy that sells cigarettes.

The city announced that starting on Jan. 1 non-union workers will pay an extra $15 on top of their co-pays. **METRO**

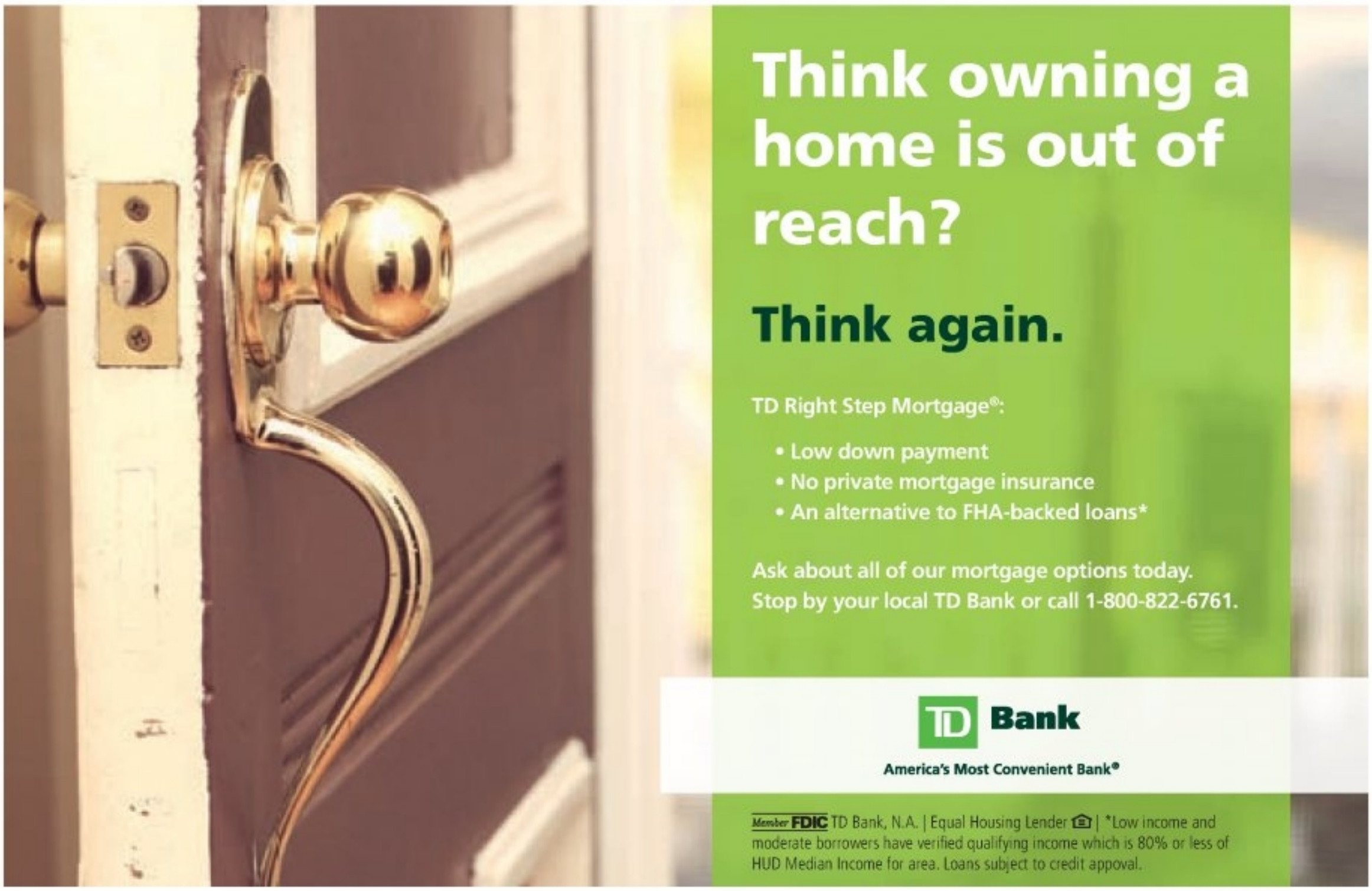
Philadelphia

Red-light cameras raise $3.5 million

Red-light cameras sprinkled throughout the city will raise an estimated $3.5 million in fines this year, reports said.

According to KYW, the revenue will pay for new equipment designed to better time traffic lights.

The money will also be used to widen sidewalks. **METRO**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Epidemic

US envoy in West Africa to find source of failures in Ebola fight

The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power, arrived in Guinea's capital Conakry on Sunday to see first-hand how the global response is failing to stop the deadly spread of Ebola in West Africa.

Power, who will also visit Sierra Leone and Liberia, said she hopes to gain a better understanding of which resources are missing so she can push other countries to offer more help.

The three West African countries are bearing the brunt of the outbreak of the hemorrhagic fever on record that the World Health Organization says has killed nearly 5,000 people. A small number of cases have also been reported in Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Spain and the United States. REUTERS

Top US health official warns of risks from Ebola quarantines

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said it was "highly unlikely" a doctor coming back from West Africa would not cooperate with a quarantine. / REUTERS

Policies. Three states are requiring anyone at risk for contracting the virus to be quarantined upon arrival.

Quarantines imposed on travelers coming from Ebola-affected countries in West Africa are a "little bit draconian," a senior U.S. health official charged on Sunday, saying they could discourage American health workers from going to the region to help fight the epidemic.

But the governors of New York and New Jersey, two of the states that have imposed the measures, defended the procedures.

New York, New Jersey and Illinois imposed 21-day mandatory quarantines in the last two days for anyone arriving with a risk of having contracted Ebola in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea. They are the three West African countries that have borne the brunt of an epidemic that has killed nearly 5,000 people.

"I don't want to be directly criticizing the decision that was made but we have to be careful that there are unintended consequences," Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told NBC's "Meet the Press." But he called the measures, which go beyond federal regulations, "a little bit draconian."

The states' policies were abruptly imposed after a New York City doctor was diagnosed with the disease on Thursday after coming home from treating patients in Guinea. Of particular concern to some New Yorkers was the fact that Dr. Craig Spencer was out and about around town between the time he got home and developed symptoms.

Fauci reiterated what medical officials have stressed as Americans worry about Ebola: that it is spread through direct contact with bodily fluids from an infected person, and is not transmitted by people who are not showing symptoms. REUTERS

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Afghanistan. Last US Marines hand over base as Brits end combat role

British troops ended their combat operations in Afghanistan on Sunday as they and U.S. Marines handed over two huge adjacent bases to the Afghan military, 13 years after a U.S.-led invasion launched the long and costly war against the Taliban.

Their coming departure leaves Afghanistan and its newly installed president, Ashraf Ghani, to deal almost unaided with an emboldened Taliban insurgency after the last foreign combat troops withdraw by year-end.

At the U.S. Camp Leatherneck and Britain's Camp Bastion, which lie next to each other in the southwestern province of Helmand, troops lowered the American and British flags for the final time on Sunday and folded them away. REUTERS

U.S. Marines lower their flag during a handover ceremony as the last U.S. Marines unit and British combat troops end their Afghan operations in Helmand. / REUTERS

A search for answers after the Washington state school rampage

Remembering. More than 150 people gathered at a prayer vigil at a Tulalip gymnasium over the weekend.

Student Tyanna Davis and others place flowers outside Marysville-Pilchuck High School the day after a shooting at the school in Marysville, Washington. / REUTERS

Members of the Tulalip Tribes community in Washington state say they are trying to comprehend how a life-long friendship among sports-loving cousins ended with one of them gunning down the other two, along with three female friends, in their high school cafeteria.

The shooter and one girl, identified by a family friend as Zoe Galasso, were killed while the other freshmen students were gravely wounded in Friday's morning rampage at Marysville-Pilchuck High School north of Seattle.

While police have not officially identified the gunman or discussed possible motives, family members told Reuters that 14-year-old Jaylen Fryberg was the shooter and the two male victims were his cousins, Nate Hatch and Andrew Fryberg, ages 14 and 15.

Hatch was in serious condition with a gunshot to the jaw while Andrew Fryberg was in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the head, hospital officials said.

Female victims Shaylee Chuckulnaskit and Gia Soriano, both 14, remained in critical condition at a different hospital. REUTERS

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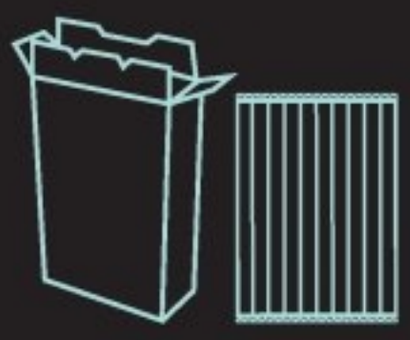

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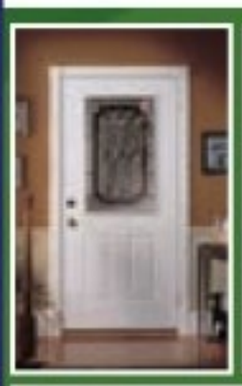

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Police officers wearing gas masks stand in the financial district during a mock "crisis response" exercise in Toronto. / REUTERS

Toronto drills for disaster following twin terror attacks

Response. Security is normally relaxed in Canada, but has been tighter in the days since the Ottawa shooting.

About 100 police, firefighters and other emergency workers held a disaster-response drill in downtown Toronto's deserted financial district on Sunday following a week that saw two soldiers killed on Canadian soil.

Toronto emergency responders donning oxygen tanks and yellow full-body hazardous material suits shortly after dawn, set up decontamination tents and practiced how they would respond in an office tower that had received a suspicious package.

The drill had long been planned and was not a reaction to the twin attacks that police said had been carried out by men they described as home-grown radicals, officials said.

Some acknowledged that it took on a more urgent tone in the wake of those incidents.

The attacks, which police said were the work of Canadian citizens who were recent converts to Islam, came during a week that the nation sent additional jet fighters to the Middle East to take part in air strikes against Islamic State militants. REUTERS

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"We had to be very specific with our strategic briefing after what happened in Ottawa."

Daniel Martin, staff sergeant with the Toronto Police Department

Syria and Iraq

More US air strikes target Islamic State

U.S. military forces conducted five air strikes against Islamic State targets near the embattled Syrian city of Kobani and with the help of partner nations another 12 separate strikes in Iraq, the U.S. Central Command said on Sunday.

"In Syria, five air strikes near Kobani destroyed seven ISIL vehicles and an ISIL building," Central Command said in a statement, using another acronym for Islamic State. REUTERS

Violence. Senator says Islamist propaganda inspiring attacks in US

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said recent "lone wolf" terrorism attacks show that propaganda from groups like Islamic State are inspiring attacks on U.S. soil.

"One of the problems is that the Internet as well as certain specific Muslim extremists are really firing up this lone wolf phenomenon.

"These attacks and the multiplicity of attacks in 2014 show that their propaganda is having some effect," the California Democrat said on CNN's "State of the Union" television program. REUTERS

A hatchet attack on the NYPD / REUTERS

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Twitter feed

Today, the LA Times is confirming a celebrity death hoax is just that, Jeff Daniels is trying to understand his own popularity, Chelsea Handler has no regrets, Jeff Ross is enjoying Halloween and Sara Silverman is enjoying some alone time.

@LATimes: Judd Nelson didn't die last night. He sent us this photo to debunk the rumor.

@Jeff_Daniels: I'm told I'm trending.

@chelseahandler: Visiting my nephews college dorm. I've never been so thankful I skipped college, or rather, college skipped me

@realjeffreyross: Everybody seems to be diggin my Rene Zellwegger costume.

@SarahKSilverman: It's good to be alone because you have time to think about what you look like when you're being alone

1 Which flick did Pitt think was the pits?

OK, here's a fun game. In the latest issue of Details magazine, Brad Pitt is featured in a fancy photo series shot by Mark Seliger, and instead of a full accompanying interview, the magazine dapples the images with some interesting quotes by Pitt. One of them is especially provocative: "I was once talked into a film for 'career maintenance.' I have not made that mistake since," Pitt says. Which begs the question, which film is he talking about?

While Pitt has generally been pretty good at picking projects, he's gotten really careful since shacking up with Angelina Jolie. But that also coincides nicely with his production company, Plan B, getting more clout. So I'm putting my money on 2004's laughable "Troy," an uncharacteristically Big Hollywood choice for Pitt — and one that he looks palpably uncomfortable in. There's also a slight possibility he's talking about "The Mexican," but that film's kind of adorable in its own scruffy way, and Pitt seemed to be having such a good time doing it that I doubt it. I'm still going with the terrible, terrible swords-and-sandals epic misfire.

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2 'Hey, you, Malala, or Mindy, or whoever'

Well, this is awkward. According to the New York Times, after Mindy Kaling spoke at the New Yorker Festival, she was accosted by a "tipsy man in his 80s" who cornered her and told her, "Congratulations on your Nobel Prize," mistaking her for 17-year-old Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai, who was recently awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Kaling took it well, at least, saying afterward, "Did he really think I'm Malala? And that if I were I'd be at the Boom Boom Room? That's the best thing that's happened all night."

Daily video

Must-see: 'Shia LaBeouf'

Musician Rob Cantor composed and arranged a new song, "Shia LaBeouf," a thrilling tale of being lost in the woods and terrorized by the infamous actor and sometimes performance artist. In the song, LaBeouf is revealed to be a sadistic cannibal. "He's almost upon you now and you can see there's blood on his face," Cantor speak-sings. "My God, there's blood everywhere!"

But that's just the song. The video for it, a live performance in a theater space, features Cantor backed by a band, a string quartet, the West Los Angeles Children's Choir and the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, plus choreographed dancers — some wearing giant papier-mache LaBeouf heads — kung fu fighters and aerialists. There's even a twist ending, which is even more delicious when you realize it's a visual reference to "Citizen Kane." Why not? (Watch it on Metro.us.)

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It's Taylor Swift Album Release Day, y'all! Oh wait, maybe forget the "y'all," as she's not really a country artist anymore. She left that back in Nashville and instead kicks off her album, "1989," with a track called "Welcome to New York." So, you know, welcome! Why is she being so "willkommen, bienvenue, welcome!" to everyone about a city she's only been living in for a tiny bit? Because she's trying to speak her truth! "I never thought I'd live in New York, because I thought I'd be too overwhelmed by how busy and bright and crazy the city is," Swift tells Esquire. "Then all of a sudden, this year, all I wanted to do was live in New York. I never thought I would be so happy being completely unattached to anyone romantically." And from that, she was inspired to write a song that will be the theme for NYU and Columbia freshman orientation weekends for at least the next three years. Hey, I'm glad Swift's new home is so inspiring, but I'd imagine any city would be great to live in when you can snatch up a $19.9 million apartment.

4 Hilton pi55e5 off Deadmau5

You might've gotten upset about Paris Hilton getting paid more than $1 million for a DJ set, but you've got nothing on actual DJ Deadmau5. He got so worked up, he wrote a scathing Tumblr post about it. "I would pay about as much to see her 'perform' as Indy fans would pay to watch me struggle to get out of first gear and 20 feet off the starting grid in an Indy500 race without ending up in a wreck," he writes. "Get the f— back in your go-kart. No need to prove that you found someone stupid enough to consider paying you a million dollars for something the world knows you aren't. Because here's what you actually are to everyone who knows better: ticket sales." Yowch.

First Paris Hilton gets a gig that upsets Deadmau5, but wait until he sees the costume she wore on Friday night.

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Offensively bad Halloween costumes

These costumes were so awful, stores wouldn't sell them.

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Mental Patient

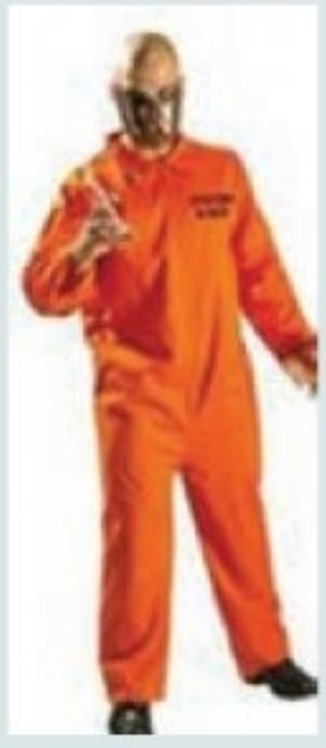
The gory get-up was pulled from British chain Asda for stigmatizing people with mental health issues.

Naughty Leopard

Walmart took this one off the shelves for trying to make kids sexy.

Psycho Ward

Tesco, a popular U.K. store, stopped selling this costume,for the same reasons Mental Patient wasn't a good call.



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Onstage and on TV

Local boy makes good

The touring version of "Newsies" has hometown connections. Choreographer Christopher Gattelli — who won a Tony during the show's Broadway run — is from Bristol. And Kemp's mom is from Cheltenham.

It's a big moment for Kemp: "Newsies" is his first national tour, and he's Kris on the new hit ABC comedy "Black-ish," which the network just upped to a full season.

"It's a matter of luck and opportunity and timing and preparation and some ratio of all those ingredients to provide me with this incredible opportunity to work on two very different projects," says Kemp, who's looking forward to bringing the good vibes to Philly. "I have so many friends and family in Philadelphia. I can't wait."

Jason Kemp
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Seize the day

"Newsies" opens at the Academy of Music (240 S. Broad St.) tomorrow and runs through Sunday. Get tickets at www.kimmelcenter.org. / DEEN VAN MEER

Theater. Fresh off of Broadway, the "Newsies" tour makes its first stop.

Stop the presses.

No, make that refresh the home page. In an age of social media saturation and diminishing circulation of print media, a play about the 19th-century newspaper industry is a big Broadway hit that's now set to tour the country.

The first stop for "Newsies" is the Academy of Music, starting tomorrow.

"This story takes place before Twitter, before social media, and so many of these young fans are always amazed that a character named Kid Blake, a teenage boy, rallied thousands of children across New York without any means of spreading the word beyond his own voice and pulling together people to help him," says Jacob Kemp, who stars as Davey, one of the protesting newsboys in the show.

The Disney play is based on the real events of 1899, when newspaper boys in New York City went on strike against media moguls William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer after the duo put the financial squeeze on the boys. Spoiler alert: They won concessions from the twin titans.

A musical film version of the story was made in 1992 with Christian Bale as one of the leads. The

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stage version premiered in 2011 at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey and on Broadway at the Nederlander Theatre in 2012. It played for 1,005 performances.

"The core of the show is if you stand up for something you believe in, then anything is possible," Kemp says. "These young men and women were fighting for their rights."

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Box office. Audiences preferred watching teens playing with boards than Reeves with guns

One of the dumb teens in "Ouija" plays with a spooky planchette.
UNIVERSAL PICTURES

"Ouija," a horror film inspired by the board game said to contact the dead, haunted the top of movie charts in the United States and Canada, collecting $20 million in weekend ticket sales and knocking Brad Pitt's "Fury" out of first place.

Another new entry, the action thriller "John Wick" starring Keanu Reeves as a hit man out for revenge, debuted in second, taking in $14.2 million from Friday through Sunday, according to tracking firm Rentrak.

"Fury," a World War II drama about a U.S. Army tank crew, earned $13 million to claim the No. 3 spot, while Ben Affleck's mystery thriller "Gone Girl" grossed $11.1 million, finishing fourth. Rounding out the Top 5, animated movie "The Book of Life" took in $9.8 million. The film draws on Mexican art and wooden puppets to tell a love story rooted in the Day of the Dead festivities.

In limited release, the Edward Snowden documentary "Citizenfour" opened to a very strong $125,172 from only five theaters, for $25,721 per theater. Meanwhile, "Birdman" expanded in its second weekend, nabbing $1.4 million for a $28,700 average. "Dear White People," also in its second weekend, made $1.3 million from 386 theaters. REUTERS

Top 5 earners

1. 'Ouija' $20 million
2. 'John Wick' $14.2 million
3. 'Fury' $13 million
4. 'Gone Girl' $11.1 million
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Always dying

Actor Sean Bean has died so many times it's inspired memes, including the hashtag "#DontKillSeanBean." Dafoe isn't far behind. He's died at least 12 times, including being crucified in "The Last Temptation of Christ."

Asked what draws him to roles that involve him croaking, Dafoe says, "It's nice to have a good exit. Death is so dramatic. The subject doesn't necessarily attract me, but it does say something about what kinds of characters I'm attracted to and what things happen in the movies I do. Death is big on my list of things to do — when I'm ready."

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Q&A
WILLEM DAFOE
A MAN OF ACTION

The serious, Oscar-nominated actor also greatly enjoys doing trashy thrillers like "John Wick."

Willem Dafoe plays one of Keanu Reeves' fellow assassins in the action movie "John Wick." / DAVID LEE

Willem Dafoe is a character actor, which means that he does everything. He's been a superhero villain ("Spider-Man"), and he's been Jesus ("The Last Temptation of Christ"). This year alone, he's been in a Wes Anderson film ("The Grand Budapest Hotel") and a YA movie ("The Fault in Our Stars"). He also played a famous director in Abel Ferrara's "Pasolini." And now there's "John Wick," an action movie in which he plays an assassin asked to take out an old colleague (Keanu Reeves) who's on a revenge rampage.

You're a serious actor — one of the earliest members of the experimental theater company The Wooster Group — but one who has never been above action movies.
I like doing action sequences. It's fun because it's athletic and requires timing — a correct touch. It's what I like about performing, which is that you have a strong action. I often refer to myself as a task-oriented actor. That's very much where my training in theater comes from. You have a very clear sequence of movements. You have to learn the sequence. You get totally engaged and totally turned on.

Your character has known Reeves' for a very long time. Did you two bother with a backstory?
I don't find backstory very useful. You can't play backstory. It can guide research. But I don't like that kind of stuff. I almost find it distracting, showy. I like to play what's in the scenes, have stuff occur to me. I like to pretend, and when I'm pretending certain things come up. But backstory, no.

There's that Spencer Tracy line: Know your lines and don't run into the furniture.
That's a little too glib for me. When I talk about the kind of things I'm experiencing rather than interpreting, it's a subtle thing, and sometimes people misunderstand me. It's not a lack of will or interest or research or depth — it's just a different way of acting. I'm not telling the audience anything. I'm pretending in a situation and things happen to me. And in my reactions and in my dealing with situations, with me being in the guise of a character, that will speak to the audience. My concentration is trying to find the truth or the magic or interesting things in dealing with a situation.

Tracy was probably joking anyway.
When I say it's glib, I mean everyone uses that to mean straight-shooting actors who just get up there and do it. But even with those guys, there's something special happening.

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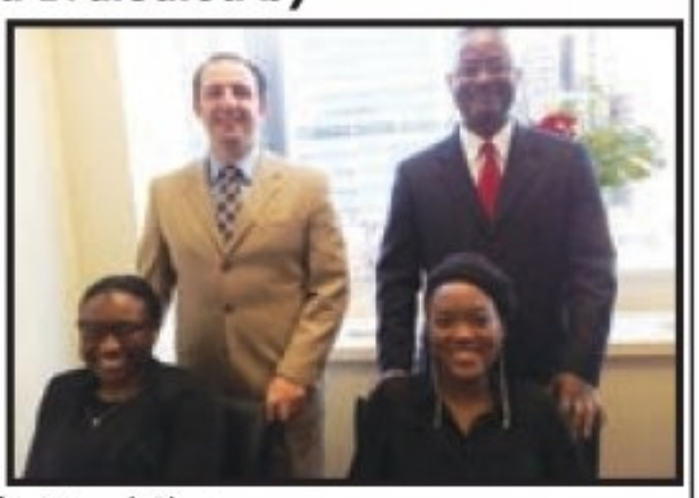

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Justin Simien sparks debate

Interview. The director of the provocative "Dear White People" talks reactions good and bad.

Writer and director Justin Simien has been getting plenty of attention since his debut feature, "Dear White People," opened at Sundance in January and snapped up the Special Jury Award for Breakthrough Talent. The film takes a fun, satirical look at race relations on a contemporary Ivy League campus and has sparked a lot of conversations — and more than a few Spike Lee comparisons.

Can you sum up how the past nine months of your life have felt?
It's been weird, man. [Laughs] It's been nine years on this project in particular, and for it to come together and for people to be actually interested in talking to me and talking about the movie and reacting to it, it's kind of weird to take in. But it's cool and it's very gratifying, especially to see the conversations — at least the positive conversations — that the movie provokes in people that have actually seen it.

JUSTIN SIMIEN
GETTY IMAGES

What about some of the more negative conversations?
Most of the negative stuff comes from people who haven't seen the movie — people who are just reacting to the title or what they think the movie might be about it. But I think my favorite explanation from it is from this woman named Rachel J. Watkin, a professor who said that when people are confronted by the complaints or thoughts or feelings of one minority or the other, they have to sort of go through the five stages of grief. And some people tend to stay in anger and denial a little bit longer than we hope for them to, but at least they've begun the process. So I can only hope that's what it is that I'm seeing. Because when you're on the Internet, people can be kind of vicious.

Even if they know who you are, they can be kind of vicious.
Well, they know who I am. I have no idea who they are. Their icon is just, I don't know, Raven-Symone smoking a cigarette. There's no way to tell who these people are. [Laughs]

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Side by side

Next to Lee

What do you think of the reductive Spike Lee comparisons?
I mean, it is lazy, but I have to say it's also really flattering because Spike's my hero. And the movies they're referencing, "School Daze" and "Do the Right Thing," are iconic films for me as a filmmaker and as a black person who likes movies. I think it naturally occurs to people that filmmakers of color go in one category, and gay filmmakers and women go here, and everybody else is just cinema in general. [Laughs] I'd love to see what people think of me after I have a couple of films under my belt. What is a Justin Simien film? I only made one, so it's hard to say.

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TV watch list

The two broke ladies seem to be responding the way that most people would if Kim Kardashian suddenly showed up.
NEIL JACOBS, CBS

COMEDY

'2 Broke Girls'

Max and Caroline have a run-in with Kim Kardashian — so if you would like to see Kim do some "acting," check it out. **SEASON PREMIERE, 8 P.M., CBS**

DRAMA

'The Blacklist'

Red and Liz end up investigating some wildlife poachers, but what exactly are they out there hunting? Given that this is "The Blacklist," it's probably not elk season.
10 P.M., NBC

TALK SHOWS

'The Late Show with David Letterman'

Amy Poehler is on, probably promoting her new book, "Yes Please." We hope she says nice things about Tina Fey, who said nice things about her in "Bossypants." **11:35 P.M., CBS**

REALITY

'My Online Bride'

Want to see British dudes try to find wives? Alas, none look like Benedict Cumberbatch.
10 P.M., TLC LISA WEIDENFELD

PEOPLE HATE TOO MANY OF PITT'S GREAT FILMS

'Killing Them Softly'

Netflix Instant
There ought to be a category on Netflix Instant called "Great Brad Pitt Movies Everyone Hated At First." There are enough of them, including this grimy thriller, with Pitt as a greasy-haired enforcer trying to clean up the mess of a robbery. It was too bleak for the mainstream — as hopeless as the novel by George V. Higgins, pulp's starkest poet. Best of all are the scenes with James Gandolfini, playing a hedonistic assassin. He storms in, downs martinis and pesters hookers, then exits as quickly as he came in.

Brad Pitt got too dirty for the masses in 2012's "Killing Them Softly." THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

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'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire'

Netflix Instant
There are scores of diamonds in the rough buried on Netflix Instant. But who are we kidding? We'll all just watch this.

'Beware of Mr. Baker'

Netflix Instant
Jack Bruce, one third of super trio Cream, passed away this weekend. One way of celebrating his work would be queuing up this documentary profile of the band's most volatile member: drummer and persistent rabid dog Ginger Baker. He's as angry now as when he was creating great music or helping to popularize Fela Kuti in the West.

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The forerunners in the CMJ Music Marathon

CMJ. We look at who wowed in NYC over the past five days.

The CMJ Music Marathon received an unwanted push in publicity on Friday when it was revealed that Dr. Craig Spencer, New York's first Ebola patient, had been to a Brooklyn venue where CMJ events were happening the night before he was diagnosed. But that didn't stop more than a thousand bands from playing for thousands of fans. Here are a few acts we think you'll be hearing more from. METRO

DeJ Loaf

This scrappy Detroit MC delivers menacing lyrics in a silky voice. Backed by her mother, who serves as her hypewoman, DeJ also drew support from heavyweights Jadakiss and Remy Ma, who guested on verses. DAN BUYANOVSKY

GETTY IMAGES

Tei Shi

Sensuous, expansive vocals layered on synthetic beats defines Tei Shi, the moniker of Columbian singer Valerie Teicher. The songs follow the trend of alt R&B (see FKA Twigs, Miguel etc.) mixing electronics, pop and hip-hop, but her delicate-yet-upbeat tunes are in their own realm. CHRIS LEO PALERMINO

French Style Furs

Featuring Cold War Kids' Nathan Willett and Matt Maust alongside Nathan Warkentin of We Barbarians, French Style Furs also includes a group of grooving auxiliary members, including a percussionist, a female vocalist and a horn section. If the crowd knew that the songs were inspired by a monk's poetry(!), it had no effect on how much they danced. PAT HEALY

Sun Club

This hirsute five-piece from Baltimore had the audacity to take the stage to Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On." The band also have the audacity to mix dashes of calypso into their punky poppy emo-oh-oh-oh songs. When they play their super catchy hooks, they jump around onstage like kids jumping on the bed asserting dominance over the babysitter. PH

Up from Down Under

CMJ was totally Aus-some

One surprising revelation about this year's CMJ is how many of the noteworthy bands were from Australia. Make sure to check out the slightly psychedelic soul sounds of Saskwatch (pictured), the controlled angst of SPOOKYLAND and the energetic ensemble jamming of King Gizzard & the Lizard Wizard.

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Kate Boy

Flanked by a pair of Swedish producers, Australian singer Kate Akhurst pumps her fists, shouts anthemic call-to-arms choruses, wails on electronic drums and dances aggressively. The sound is adrenalized dance music. PH

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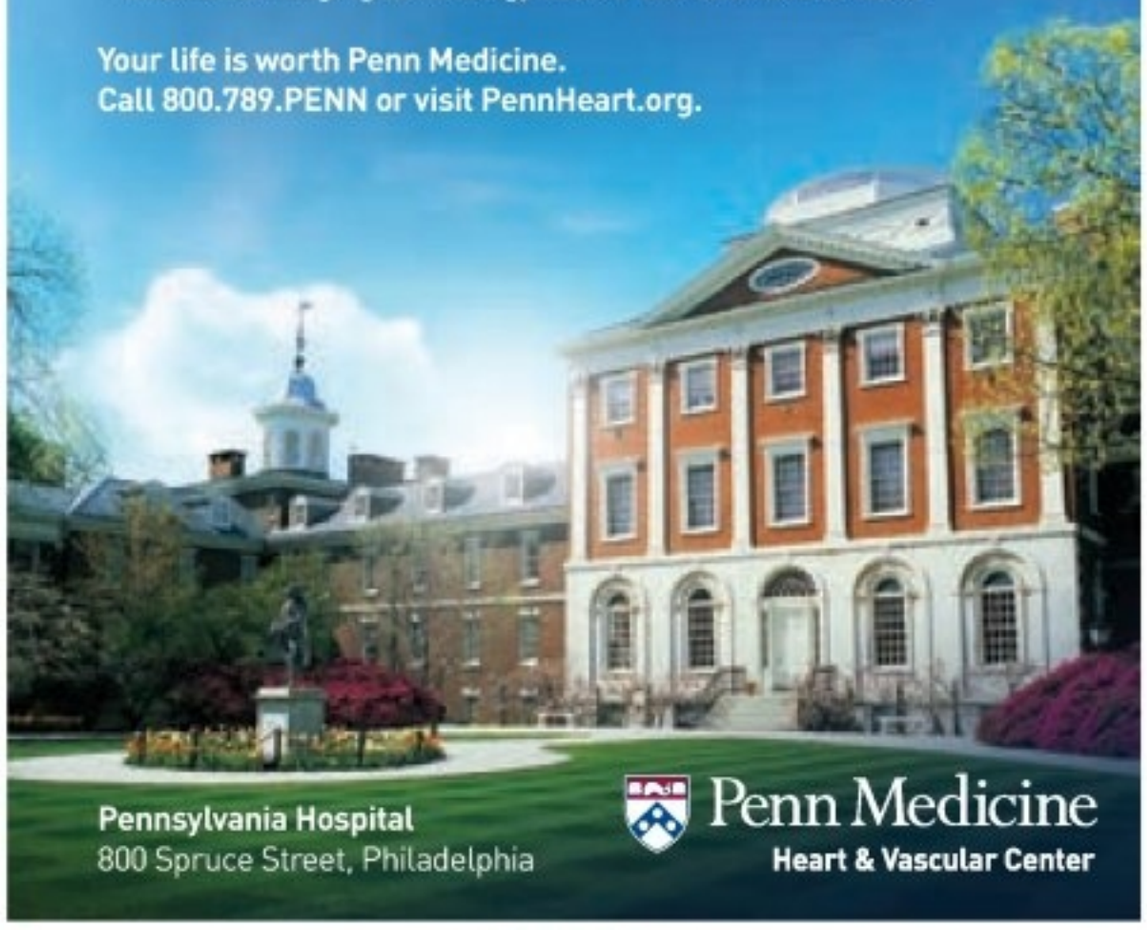

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Tip

Set your alarm

"Show up earlier, whenever the market is getting ready to open, because you'll find that crafty chefs with small restaurants like to empty things out."

Shop like a Top Chef

Richard Blais. The reality TV show winner and judge shares his farmers market tips.

Even for an experienced home cook, the vegetable world can be daunting — especially at a farmers market. So how do you approach produce shopping without fear and keep healthy eating interesting?

"The good thing is when you're at a decent farmers market, you can't really make a bad choice," says Richard Blais, who's back on "Top Chef" as a judge for its 12th season on Bravo. "Shop in a great place where the farmers are, and then you know it's in season."

We brought Blais along on a trek to the market for some professional advice.

To the rescue

One-pot wonder

Veggies looking a bit sad a week on? "Soup is a save-all for anything. I'm stealing this from another chef buddy of mine, but he said, 'You're always four ingredients away from good soup.' And I like that. If you don't know what to do, you can always make soup out of it. [If] you cook something long enough and puree it, it's going to be a pretty good soup."

RICHARD BLAIS WAS THE WINNER OF "TOP CHEF ALL-STARS." / BRAVO, NBCU

Grab something you haven't cooked before — the vendors at the stall can help you work with it. / POLKA DOT RF

1 Hit the ATM: "Cash is always a good idea."

2 Be patient: "Give the market a good stroll, give it a good once-over. You know you want strawberries, but they're going to be a little different at each stall."

3 Take notes: "We're always telling a story with food, so you want to come back and say, 'It's from Blankity-Blank Farms, it's right up the road, they have a goat.'"

4 Make it a game: "Take your favorite TV show — 'Top Chef,' obviously — and play the Mystery Basket Game. Don't be afraid to get a couple of ingredients that you haven't cooked before."

5 Make conversation: "Ask the farmers, the people working the stalls, because they want to sell their stuff. They'll probably have a pretty good idea of what to do with it."

6 When in doubt, find the common bond: "No matter what the ingredient, use similar ideas. A parsnip kind of looks like a carrot, so they're going to cook in the same way, just as a pork chop is going to cook similar to a rib chop in beef."

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College graduates are flocking to cities

Young and restless. More than one million young grads move to new cities each year.

Many millennial college grads say they won't settle down until they are in their 30s. / WASHINGTON POST

New York, Washington and San Francisco have long acted as beacons for recent college graduates eager to start their adult lives. But a revealing new study by the thinktank City Observatory highlights some surprising new cities recent grads are flocking to.

Appropriately titled "The Young and the Restless and the Nation's Cities," the report found that about a million young grads move to a different state each year — and that many don't settle down until they reach their mid-30s. According to experts, the appeal of urban lifestyles to millennials is quite simple.

"They want something exciting, culturally fun, involving a lot of diversity — and their fathers' suburban lifestyle doesn't seem to be all that thrilling to many of them," Harvard University economics professor Edward Glaeser told the New York Times.

So where are these young grads heading to?

Where they're going

City Observatory found that these cities had the highest percentage of young grads in the country:

- Denver
- San Diego
- Nashville
- Salt Lake City
- Portland, Oregon

In recent years, Denver has become a beacon for young people, with its population of recent grads nearly doubling since the year 2000. Other popular destinations include San Diego, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Nashville, Salt Lake City and Portland.

But some cities are losing this potentially transformative young population in droves. The study found that only 4 percent of Detroit's population can be considered young college graduates — a group that continues to shrink every year. The report notes that this doesn't bode well for the future.

"The loss of talented young workers is a sign that a region's economy is struggling," the study's author Joe Cortright writes. "Places that attract talent are not only generally doing well, but are increasingly well-positioned to grow additional firms and jobs."

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Technology. Some critics say this math app encourages cheating

Anyone who took an algebra or geometry class during high school probably remembers being told to always "show your work" on homework assignments and exams. But a controversial new app takes the hard work of "solving" out of the problem solving equation.

The free new app PhotoMath allows students to simply take a photo of a math problem and then — using text-reading software — will solve the problem and show all of the work in the process. The app's creators say it is geared toward students who may not have access to tutoring and to parents helping their kids out with their homework.

Students can now simply take a photo of an equation to get the answer. / PHOTOMATH

But critics say the app will soon be used by kids looking for an easy way to get out of learning the material.

Cutting corners

The catch

Students looking for an easy way out of homework shouldn't get too excited though — PhotoMath currently can only solve relatively simple problems, and the app sometimes misreads characters.

A spokesperson for the company behind the app told the business news site Quartz that the program isn't meant to encourage students to cheat.

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Campus life.
Where does your school rank when it comes to sexual education?

Prospective college students are used to looking at rankings, whether it's a list assessing a school's professors, food or the career prospects of its graduates.

But how do colleges fare when ranked on things like the availability of accurate information about sex? Trojan Condoms and Sperling's Best Places have just released the ninth annual Trojan Sexual Report Card, which evaluates schools on the sexual health resources available to undergrads.

Oregon States earns kudos for its open approach to sex. / DIGITAL VISION

Oregon State University took the top spot, just ahead of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Maryland at College Park.

"With high scores in condom availability, student health center hours of operation and the usability and quality of their sexual health website, [Oregon State] is a model for schools nationwide," said Bert Sperling, president of Sperling's Best Places, in a statement.

Among the resources on Oregon State's Student Health website is a page devoted to sexual communication, where students can learn about the best ways to discuss issues like consent, safer sex and birth control. The school also has a Sexual Health Advisory Group that focuses on "[ensuring] comprehensive and inclusive content" for students.

The top 5

1. Oregon State University
2. The University of Texas At Austin
3. University of Maryland, College Park
4. University of Arizona
5. Stanford University

The campus newspaper also features a "Dr. Sex" column by professor Kathy Greaves, where the human development and family sciences expert answers anonymous questions about sexuality.

Coming in last on the list was Utah's Brigham Young University. The Salt Lake City school — which was founded through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — requires students to sign an honor code that forbids unmarried students from having sex.

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HOW TO GET A JOB THROUGH A REFERRAL

Online retailer Zappos made news earlier this year when it announced it would be zapping job postings. That's right, they've been nixed, and hopeful job seekers have to find another way in the door.

According to industry buzz, they want to get to know applicants rather than having them apply to the giant black hole known as the applicant tracking system. Prompting job seekers to become "insiders," their site includes ambassadors' Twitter handles and LinkedIn profiles for each team and essentially details ways that job seekers can connect to recruiters via social media and through referrals.

They're on to something. According to a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, referred candidates are twice as likely to get interviews as non-referred candidates. Referred candidates also have a 40 percent better chance of getting hired than other applicants. Armed with this data, job seekers should rely on referrals for the highest rate of return on their time and energy investment in a job search. Here are a few tips on how to get started.

Want to turn that frown upside down? Employers tend to smile at referrals. / PHOTODISC

1 Look at your social networks. For starters, search LinkedIn for connections, ask for introductions and schedule informational interviews. But don't just do this when you're looking for a job and eager to move on — people can see through that. Networking is an ongoing process to forge strong connections and build new skills. It's truly a journey.

2 Conversations on the phone or better yet, in-person will only be to your benefit. An employee may not feel comfortable forwarding your résumé if he or she met you two years ago at a conference and hasn't heard from you since. However, if you had invited her out for coffee three months ago and followed up this week, you're in a much better position to be referred.

3 Let your true colors shine while getting to know each other. Demonstrate passion for your current role and/or the path you want to pursue. Also, share a little something personal about yourself, whether you're a season ticket holder for the Giants or a serious fan of "Scandal." It's fodder for conversation aside from serious job talk, and you never know when another connection can be made.

4 Keep in mind that recruiting isn't scientific. Technical skills are important, but when two candidates are compared, from my experience working with countless hiring managers, the hiring decision always comes down to "Who do you like better?"

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Your intriguing way of looking at things continues to surprise. Just when someone thinks they have you figured out, you head in another direction.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Try to see both sides of the story. Once you've had time to dissect what's going on, you will be able decide.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Stand up for yourself. Someone may be trying to undermine your reputation and steal your thunder.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You are sure to do well today. Those around you will be drawn to your unusual antics and ideas.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Don't let the secrets weighing on your mind affect your productivity, or you will end up in a vulnerable position. Take a moment for some quiet time.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Get out and have some fun. A day trip or an interesting event will put a spring in your step. Make plans and invite a close friend along for the ride.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Take inventory of what you own, what you need and what you can part with. Make donations or offer to help a worthwhile cause.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Do your own thing. Trying to please everyone else is an exercise in futility. Do the best you can, and don't get upset.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Be the first to jump on a travel opportunity. The information you gain will have a positive effect on your future. A professional change is within reach.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Visit your local library. It's time to be a participant and get to know people who share your interests.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You will be overwhelmed by the responsibilities given to you. There is a limited amount of time, so plan and organize carefully.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Do something totally different. A trip to the zoo or science center will provide plenty of entertainment. A family fun day will encourage everyone to get along.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

How not to get rich

Re: 'Those who oppose Sykes' column are really just envious' (Metro, Oct. 23) Well said, Mr. Falcon. Many don't want to put in the effort to reach their goals, so they placate themselves by ripping on others as an outlet for their misery. Anyone spouting negativity is clearly jealous or doesn't have the GONADS to achieve their goals as Mr. Sykes did. Also, Mr. Sykes wasn't bragging, he was alluding that Lamborghinis AREN'T as fun as they seem — he was advising people to THINK TWICE! Hence, anyone whining is GRASPING FOR STRAWS. You'll never see ANYONE secure in themselves poking holes in another's success! MONIQUE P. CHOUINARD, VIA EMAIL

US should end trade

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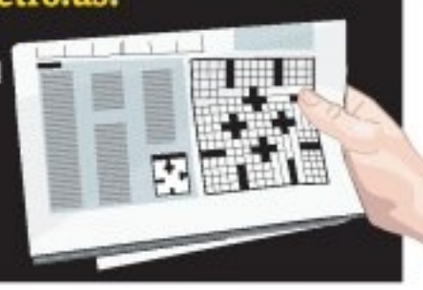

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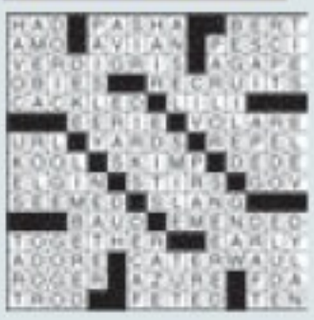

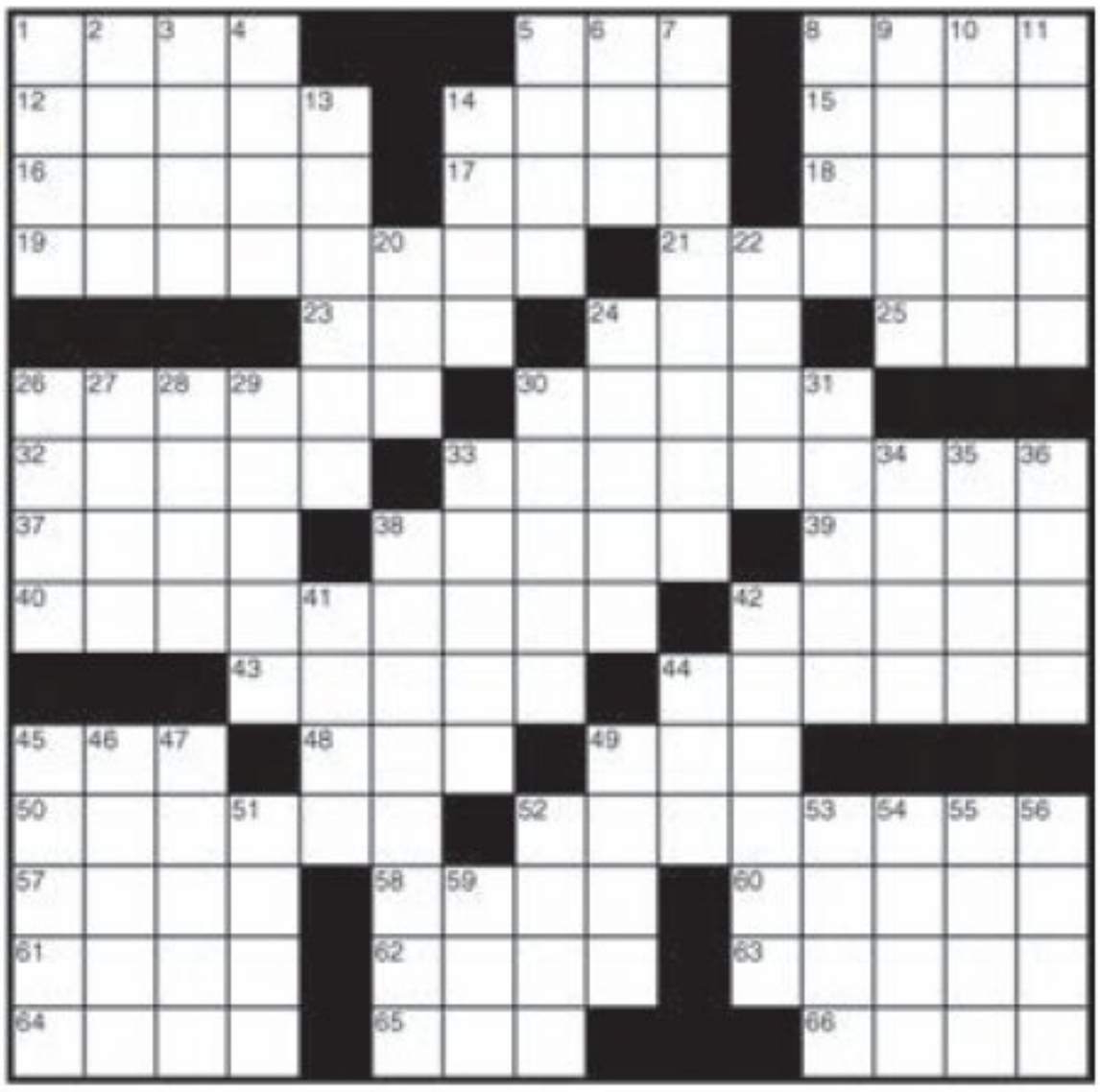

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Eagles fall short in red zone, to Arizona

NFL. The Eagles shot themselves in the foot in a tough loss to the Cardinals Sunday afternoon.

The Eagles defense kept the Birds in the game, but blew it in the fourth quarter. / GETTY IMAGES

With one second left, the Eagles need 16 yards and a touchdown to walk-off with their sixth win against the Cardinals Sunday. But Jordan Matthews' grasp came with both feet out of bounds and the Eagles fell 24-20 in a thriller.

It was a game the Eagles could have easily won, had they held onto the ball, had they executed in the red zone, or if the offense could take care of the big play.

Jeremy Maclin and Nick Foles each had monster performances, with Maclin catching 12 passes for 187 yards and Foles completing 36-for-62 for 411 yards.

"It was two really good teams going at it," Carson Palmer, who had 329 yards himself, said. "Two really good defenses and two really potentially explosive offenses."

The Birds had a golden opportunity to put seven points on the board a possession earlier. With both teams tied up at 17-apiece and the two-minute warning approaching, the Eagles had a third down at the goal line with one yard to go. Chip Kelly had Foles come out in the shotgun, and LeSean McCoy's attempt to get back to the line of scrimmage, and into the end zone was thwarted.

A chip shot field goal putting the Birds ahead 20-17, it was up to the defense to preserve the victory.

But the defense gave up a big play with John Brown wide open at the other end of a 75-yard touchdown strike put the Cardinals ahead 24-20 with just over one minute remaining.

Larry Fitzgerald, who hauled in an 80-yard touchdown pass to start the second half, scored his 11th touchdown in seven career games against Philly.

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By the numbers

511

Yards for the Eagles, including 110 on the ground, the first 100-yard rushing performance against the Cardinals

What went wrong

1 The big play
The Eagles defense was bend-but-not-break for much of the game, and stifled several Cardinals drives. But when they needed to step up most, particularly with Arizona facing a third down with 90 seconds left, they gave up a 75-yard touchdown. And that wasn't even the biggest play. The defense also gave up an 80-yard strike to Larry Fitzgerald

2 Foles being Foles
Eagles fans (and pundits) need to stop waiting for Nick Foles to solidify himself as an elite quarterback. Maybe he is what he is. And that's a quarterback who sometimes holds the ball too long and turns the ball over (he had two costly picks Sunday) but who can sometimes create a big play.

3 Red zone offense
There is really no excuse for the Eagles' futility in the red zone. Their issues inside the 20, and at the goal line ultimately cost the Birds their sixth win. In two key red zone chances toward the end of the game, the Eagles failed each time at the one and 16 yardlines. METRO

3 SPORTS

Crew 2, Union 1

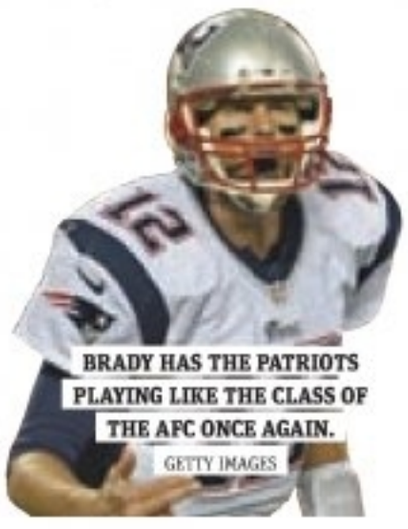
Union falter in season finale

Much like their season as a whole, the Union came close but still fell short in their season finale, a 2-1 loss to Columbus. Zach Pfeffer scored the equalizer late in the second half, at the 85-minute mark, but the Crew struck even later, at the 90-minute mark on a Bernardo Anor goal to life the Crew to 14-10-10 this season. Philadelphia finishes the year at 10-12-12.

NFL. Patriots explode for 51, Lions stun Falcons at Wembley Stadium

The Patriots posted four TDs in the second quarter alone Sunday as they brutalized the Bears at Gillette Stadium. Tom Brady was superb, completing 30-of-35 passes for 354 yards and five touchdowns. Three of Brady's touchdown passes were caught by Rob Gronkowski, who had a monster afternoon with nine catches for 149 yards in the 51-23 win.

Lions 22, Falcons 21
The Lions offense showed up late to the game with the earliest start in NFL history, but Matthew Stafford and Co. thrived in the second half as Detroit rallied hard to beat Atlanta at Wembley Stadium in London. The Falcons (2-6) were leading 21-0 at the half but their offense struggled to find any rhythm in the second half.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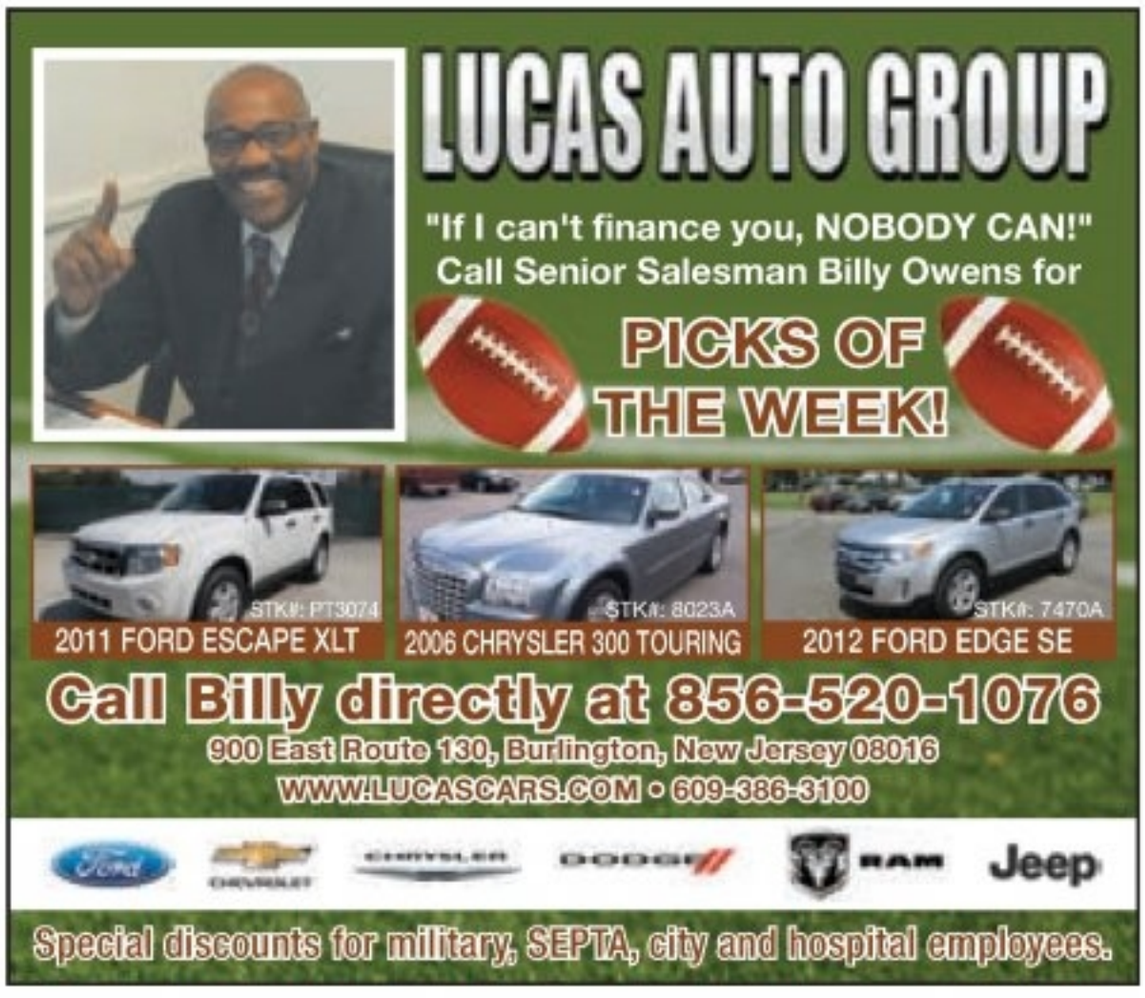
Seahawks 13, Panthers 9
Russell Wilson completed a 23-yard touchdown pass to Luke Willson with 47 seconds remaining to get Seattle (4-3) back into the win column. Carolina (3-4) did not score a touchdown against the Legion of Boom.

Bengals 27, Ravens 24
Cincy QB Andy Dalton made up for a late fumble and interception by scoring the winning touchdown, a one-yard touchdown plunge with 57 seconds remaining, and the Bengals righted the ship. Cincy also beat the Ravens in Week 1. METRO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Maddon sizes up Phillies

MLB. The former Rays manager stopped to chat with Metro about his hometown team before stepping down in Tampa.

The peak of Maddon's career as a manager in Tampa came during the 2008 World Series against the Phillies. / GETTY IMAGES

Joe Maddon is arguably the most cerebral manager in baseball. The Hazelton, Pennsylvania, native sat down in his St. Petersburg office to speak with Metro about all things Philadelphia and baseball.

Hazelton isn't far from Philly, but you never embraced the Phillies?
I became a Cardinals fan because my dad took me to Yankee Stadium and he bought me a Cardinals cap in 1963. I was the happiest kid in Hazelton when the Cardinals won the World Series in 1964. I wasn't anti-Phillies. I went to Connie Mack Stadium a lot. I saw the Giants with Willie Mays, the Cardinals and the Pirates there. I liked Johnny Callison. I loved Dick Allen. I embraced certain Phillies, but not the team.

Folks in Philly don't understand that.
I know all too well how Philadelphia fans are. I was a Cardinals football fan and a Hawks fan in basketball, as well. But I loved that I had the chance to watch some of these great players, who were with Philadelphia when I was a kid.

What Philly athlete made the biggest impact?
I was appreciative of the 76ers. I remember seeing Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell battle it out at the Civic Center. I was about 10 years old. It was amazing. I remember watching Chamberlain walk by me, and my memory was that he was so gigantic. I saw Eagles-Cowboys games. I go back to Franklin Field with Chuck Bednarik playing there. He's from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and he spoke at one of our midget football banquets.

Quoted

"You have to remember that he's not going to play forever. So see go to the ballpark next season to watch him play. Bring your kids. Enjoy [Chase] Utley while you can." Maddon

What do you think of all the grief Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard and Chase Utley are getting at the twilight of their careers?
That blows me away. All of those guys are MVPs. When I look at them, maybe there is a decline, but don't forget what they did for you.

Philly's vocal minority has forgotten.
That's a good way of putting it. The vocal minority and that's what they are. They're the ones who call talk radio. It needs to be noted that they are the vocal minority and we should remember that talk radio is only entertainment.

You noted part of the reason you think Derek Jeter should be the first unanimous Hall of Famer is due to how he busts it up the first base line. Isn't Chase Utley Jeter's NL doppelganger?
I think Utley is a lot like Jeter. He busts it from home to first whether he's hurt or not. He's cut from the same cloth as Jeter. Those are guys you would like to pay to see. They respect that 90 feet. Anytime a player does that how could you not want to see a guy that cares that much about playing baseball and cares that much about winning? That's Chase Utley. How could you not want to see him play? Utley plays the game properly. [He's] more than worth the price of admission.

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Fall classic memory

Maddon had 'surreal' time in 2008 classic

You faced the Phillies for the lone Rays World Series appearance. What was that like?
That whole thing was surreal to me. We got to the World Series and we play the Phillies. It was easy for my mom to get there. It was a great experience, even though we didn't win it.

James Shields told me that during the Game 5 hiatus, fans were swearing at his daughter, who was then just 5 years old.
The same thing happened to me. That happened to my granddaughter, too. She was 6. She was wearing Rays gear. It was something that they take pride in, in Philly, but they shouldn't. I totally believe in vocal fans, but when they cross the line, it's inappropriate. It's awful. The one game we played, there was an Eagles game that afternoon. There was a connection there with the drunkenness. But what we heard that night. It was pretty awful.

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Gostisbehere is a talented, offensive-minded defender. / GETTY IMAGES

Flyers' move top prospect to NHL early

NHL. The Flyers have had to make some pretty tough choices to shore up defensive depth.

The Flyers defense doesn't resemble the group Ron Hextall hoped to have on the ice throughout his first season as GM.

With Kimmo Timonen out indefinitely due to blood clots, Braydon Coburn now out another few weeks and Andrew MacDonald the latest defenseman to hit the infirmary (expected to miss a month), the Flyers have called upon rookie Shayne Gostisbehere to join the NHL ranks a bit ahead of schedule.

"He told me it's not a perfect world, things happen, injuries happen of course," the rookie said of his conversation with Hextall upon being called up from the AHL this weekend. "He told me not to try to do too much out there just get some quality minutes and it's a great learning experience, and take everything in."

It wasn't a blemish-free game for Gostisbehere, but he didn't make any detrimental mistakes and he did get a good shot on goal early in his NHL debut.

"I thought he was fine," Flyers head coach Craig Berube said. "Took him a few shifts to get out there with the power play, but when he got out there and settled down he did some good things. I thought he moved the puck well, got up the ice, was aggressive when he had to be."

The Flyers got a big 4-2 win over the Red Wings Saturday, giving Gostisbehere a pretty good first 60 minutes under his belt. His teammates made sure he got off to a good start in Orange and Black.

"He did great," Nick Grossmann said. "I said before, 'just have fun kid,' and I think he played great. A couple mistakes here and there, but everyone makes mistakes. I had mistakes tonight. That's the name of the game. But lots of good passes, moved his feet. He's a special player, so he'll be good for us."

Quoted

"Yeah I would say there is a little extra gear out there, a little extra effort, so I'd say yeah for sure."

Shayne Gostisbehere
Comparing his experience this preseason with his first NHL game

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Sharp Razor

Flyers have confidence in backup Emery

When Steve Mason struggles, Ray Emery seems to shine. Last season, with Mason injured as the Flyers began their series against the Rangers, the veteran netminder filled in admirably for two games, winning one.

Ray Emery / GETTY IMAGES

This season, with Mason winless and sporting a lackluster .878 goals against average in five games, Emery has won three of his four games and has a 9.14 goals against average. He seems to be the Flyers' slump-buster.

"Yeah, he [kept us in the game], Flyers coach Craig Berube said following Saturday's 4-2 win. "I thought a lot of our D too. Blocked a lot of shots and battled hard."

The Flyers blew two leads in Saturday's game, but thanks to Emery the team did not break.

"I think he had a great game," Nick Grossmann said. "He held the fort for us back there till we kind of got going and got our legs under us a little bit in the third period. He had a great game for us." METRO

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